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For:

**IMAGING SYSTEM PROTOCOL** 

HANDLING METHOD AND

**APPARATUS** 

**Assistant Commissioner** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

for Patents

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the following the prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the following the prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the following the prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the following the prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the following the prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the following the prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the following the prior to examination of the above-referenced application and the prior to examination of the above-referenced application and the prior to examination of the above-referenced application and the prior to examination of the above-referenced application and the prior to examinate the prior amendments are hereby requested:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

(New)

A method for providing operational protocols to medical

diagnostic systems, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a protocol on a machine readable medium, the protocol including at least one operating parameter for a medical diagnostic system;

displaying user viewable indicia descriptive of the protocol at a medical diagnostic